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HELSINKI FOR CAT DELEGATION FOR MARTIN CHESHES

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SUBJ: US SOVIET CONVENTIONAL ARMS TALKS: AFRICA

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CHARGE DISCUSSED TALKING POINTS PER REFTEL A WITH UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS GIBSON ZIMBA AFTERNOON OF JULY 18. ZIMBA SAID HE APPRECIATED THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE EFFORTS TO LIMIT CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS BUT SAID "AS YOU ARE AWARE WE HAVE SOME SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN THIS REGION." HE SAID THAT ZAMBIA FULLY AGREED WITH THE NEED FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA AS OPPOSED TO A WEAPONS BUILDUP. HE REFERRED TO FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE'S STATEMENT AT THE UN SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (WHICH, COINCIDENTALLY, WAS BROADCAST ON TV ZAMBIA LAST NIGHT) AS EVIDENCE THAT ZAMBIA FAVORS ARMS LIMITATIONS AND WOULD NOT TAKE ISSUE WITH ANY OF THE POINTS RAISED PER REFTEL. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT ZAMBIA DOES NOT VIEW THE CURRENT US/SOVIET EFFORTS AS COLLUSION BY ARMS SUPPLIERS.

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